

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 35, 37-46, and 48-66 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 35, 37-39, 41, 43, 45, 48-58, 62, 64 and 66; cancels Claims 36, 47, and 67-68. No new matter is added.

The outstanding Office Action objected to the specification because of informalities. Claims 35-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 67-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete. Claims 35, 37-40, 43-44, 51, 53-55 and 67-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Krug et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,511,102). Claims 45-46, 49-50, 52 and 56-57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Krug et al. Claim 66 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Krug et al. in view of Dutilleul et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,334,821).

Claims 36, 41-42, 47-48 and 58-65 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, allowed Claim 36 is re-written in independent form as amended Claim 35; allowed Claim 41 is re-written in independent; allowed Claim 47 is re-written in independent form as amended Claim 45; and allowed Claim 58 is re-written in independent form. Claims 36, 47 and 67-68 are canceled. Thus, all pending claims should now be allowable.

In response to the objection to the specification, the specification is amended to add the appropriate sub-headings.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the claims are amended to correct the noted informalities. In view of the amended claims, it is believed that

all pending claims are definite and no further rejection on that basis is anticipated. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually acceptable language.

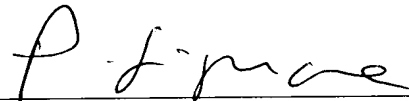
In response to the rejections of claims, and in light of the present Amendment, the rejections are now moot.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 35, 37-46, 48-66 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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